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### Top Skills

Agriculture

Group facilitation

**Public Speaking** 

## Languages

French (Limited Working)
Spanish (Elementary)

### **Publications**

Farmers can profit economically and politically by addressing climate change

It's time for lowans to implement faith-based solutions to climate change

2019 can be the year lowans start to take serious action on climate change

Why Trump is the greatest prophet of our time

Why Trump's Decision to Leave Paris Accord Hurts the US and the World - How American Farmers will be Hurt

# Matt Russell

Executive Director at Iowa Interfaith Power & Light

Des Moines, Iowa Area

# Summary

I'm a fifth generation lowa farmer fighting for solutions to climate change and leading lowa Interfaith Power & Light.

# Experience

Iowa Interfaith Power & Light Executive Director April 2018 - Present

Des Moines, Iowa Area

Iowa IPL is a joint response of Christian, Jewish, Muslim and other faith communities to global climate change. We work to protect creation and safeguard society's most vulnerable by providing education about global climate change, helping individuals and congregations reduce their carbon footprints, and advocating for sustainable energy policies.

Drake University Law School Resilient Agriculture Coordinator April 2006 - Present

Des Moines, Iowa

Coordinate projects to improve opportunities in Iowa's food system and rural economy including Sustaining Our Iowa Land (SOIL) Conference Engage local and statewide media to promote the work of the Agricultural Law Center.

Improve opportunities for farmers and rural communities.

Research issues concerning retail agriculture, land tenure, conservation, climate change, farmer veterans, rural development, state food policy, and federal farm policy.

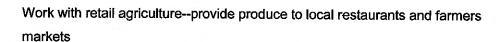
Coyote Run Farm Farmer January 2005 - Present

Lacona, Iowa

Manage grazing beef and poultry

Produce heirloom tomatoes and seasonal produce

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#### **USDA**

Farm Service Agency State Appointed Committee Member January 2010 - December 2017 (8 years)

Heard and acted on farmer appeals regarding USDA programs.

Set statewide rules for implementing USDA programs.

Decided personnel issues for lowa FSA employees.

Iowa Citizen Action Network Community Organizer July 2003 - April 2006 (2 years 10 months)

Des Moines, Iowa

Facilitated working groups of human service, labor, environmental, and farm advocates.

Organized conferences, media events, political rallies, and volunteers for state and federal policy reform.

Lobbied on health care reform at lowa statehouse.

Catholic Rural Life Community Organizer July 1999 - August 2001 (2 years 2 months)

Des Moines, Iowa

Led program in community food security, renewable energy, and land use for faith communities.

Linked grassroots organizations with governmental agencies.

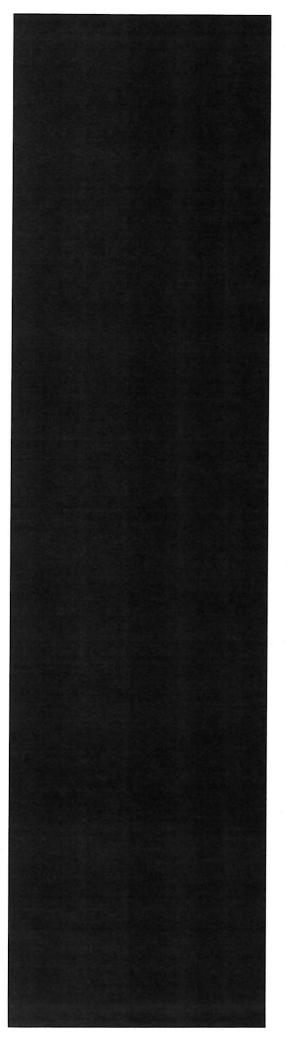
Facilitated working groups in Iowa and among national organizations for food, agriculture, rural reform.

Bishop Gorman High School Teacher 1997 - 1999 (3 years) Las Vegas, Nevada

Religion: Morality and Social Justice Production Journalism: The Lance

# Education

**Iowa State University** 



MS, Rural Sociology · (2001 - 2003)

University of Saint Mary of the Lake Divinity/Ministry · (1994 - 1996)

Loras College
BA, History and French, minor in Music Education, St. Pius X
Seminary · (1989 - 1993)